

REMARKS

By the foregoing Amendment, Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 have been amended. It is respectfully submitted that this amendment introduces no new matter. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) on the grounds of obviousness from Buell, in view of keychains for a boater of the admitted prior art and Bishop, which discloses a holder for a slot club member card. Bishop discloses a flat plastic card holder 1 with a hole 11 having an encircling grommet 13, and a slot information card with a hole therethrough without a grommet. The Examiner indicated that Bishop discloses providing a grommet to reinforce holes, in general. Claim 1 has been amended to recite "at least one planar boating information card connected to said keychain, said at least one planar boating information card having at least one side imprinted with boating rules and boating information." Claim 8 similarly has been amended to recite "a plurality of planar boating information cards connected to said keychain, said plurality of planar boating information cards having at least one side imprinted with boating rules and boating information." Support for the amendment can be found in the specification at page 1, paragraph 5, and page 2, paragraph 12, as well as Figs. 1 and 2, for example. It is respectfully submitted that Buell, in view of keychains for a boater of the admitted prior art and Bishop, either taken individually or in combination, clearly do not teach, disclose or suggest a planar boating information card having imprinted with boating rules and boating information, as is now recited in the claims. The Examiner also indicated that the

use of a number of grocery cards carried on key chains by shoppers is very popular, but it is respectfully submitted that such use of grocery cards would not teach, disclose or suggest a plurality of planar boating information cards imprinted with boating rules and boating information, as is now recited in the claims. It is therefore respectfully submitted that Claims 1-12 are novel and inventive over the prior art cited, taken either individually or in combination, and that the rejection of Claims 1-12 on the grounds of obviousness from Buell, in view of keychains for a boater of the admitted prior art, and further in view of Bishop, should be withdrawn.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application should now be in condition for allowance, and an early favorable action in this regard is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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